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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PNE COMMITTEE

1. SOVIET POSITION ON UK IDEA FOR PNE COMMITTEE, SUMMARIZED BY ISRAELYAN AFTER INTENSE PRESSURE FROM THOMSON, WAS AS FOLLOWS: (A) SOVIETS OPPOSE HAVING SPECIAL MEETING OF BG BEFORE NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE, AND IF ONE IS CALLED THEY WILL OPPOSE THE RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE COMMITTEE; (B) IF, AT THE REVCON VERY HEAVY PRESSURE ARISES TO ESTABLISH A PNE MECHANISM, THE SOVIETS WOULD NOT THEN OPPOSE A SUGGESTION THAT THE UK PROPOSAL BE TAKEN UP AT THE BG, AND WOULD NOT OPPOSE IT IF IT WERE; (C) THEY WOULD PREFER TO AVOID CALLING THE MECHANISM A COMMITTEE, AND FOUND UK SUGGESTION TO DESIGNATE IT ADVISORY GROUP PREFERABLE.

2. THOMSON (UK) PRESSED THEM TO AGREE THAT IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES BG MEETING COULD BE HELD IN MAY, DURING THE

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REVCON, SAYING THAT VIENNA HAD ADVISED HIM THAT THIS

WOULD BE TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE, AND THAT HOLDING THE MEETING IN GENEVA WOULD ALSO BE POSSIBLE. SOVIET RESPONSE WAS THAT WHILE THEIR PREFERENCE WOULD BE TO WAIT UNTIL THE JUNE MEETING OF THE BG, THEY WOULD NOT OPPOSE ACCELERATING THE MEETING IF THIS APPEARED AT THE TIME TO BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO MEET PRESSURES AT THE REVCON.

3. THOMSON SAID HE WOULD REPORT THESE REACTIONS TO HIS CO-SPONSORS, WHO HAD UNANIMOUSLY BACKED HIS SUGGESTION THAT MEETING BE HELD ON APRIL 28 OR 30. FYI BRITISH HAD PREVIOUSLY ADVISED US THAT CO-SPONSORS HAD DECIDED TO PROCEED WITH SUCH SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD ONLY IF IT BECAME CLEAR THAT SOVIETS WOULD NOT OPPOSE THE RESOLUTION AT SUCH A MEETING. THUS IF BRITISH REPORT SOVIET POSITION AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, AND CO-SPONSORS REMAIN OF SAME VIEW, MEETING WILL NOT BE CALLED BEFORE MAY 5. END FYI.

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